

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims directed to Species A for prosecution on the merits. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-17 read on the elected species.

In addition, the Examiner indicated that upon election of either species A or B, the Applicant would be required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species of the application: (c) an aircraft (claims 1-17), (d) a missile (claims 1,2, and 11-13), (e) a ship (claims 1,2, and 11-13), or (f) a vehicle (claims 1,2, and 11-13). In response thereto, the Applicant elects Species C directed towards an aircraft.

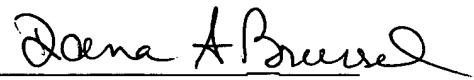
Further still, the Examiner indicated that upon election of either species A or B, the Applicant would be required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species of outer edge sections: (g) Figure 5 (claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-16) or (h) Figure 6 (claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-15, and 17). In response thereto, the Applicant elects species G directed towards the outer edge section of Figure 5.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 11 is generic. Upon allowance of a generic claim Applicant hereby reserves the right to the consideration of claims to additional embodiments which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141. Applicant further reserves the right to file continuation applications and/or divisional applications on any non-elected species.

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If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (631) 501-5713.

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